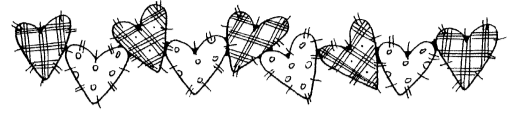


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From the Director...

Greetings! By the time you get this newsletter, Stephanie and I will already be in India! We know God is going to do something really awesome on this trip - there has been so much spiritual warfare in both of our lives during the last few months that something good HAS to happen! Please pray for us while we're away from home - our families - our comfort zones. We'll be gone for three weeks, which is a LONG time to be away from the people we love! Here are some prayer requests you can lift to Jesus while we're away:

♥Stephanie's children (Selah, Shiloh and Samara) - they don't really understand why their mom is leaving them to go away with me - AGAIN! Pray that God comforts their hearts - keeps them healthy and safe - and that He does something special in their lives because of this experience.

♥Stephanie's husband, Dave - it wasn't easy making the decision to let her go on this trip - but he knows that God will use her, and that saying "yes" when we asked if she could come was the right thing to do. Please pray for his time away from Stephanie, and for extra patience and energy to take care of the needs of their three girls.

♥Stephanie's health - Stephanie was very sick in January, and had a spinal tap to rule out meningitis. The spinal tap either wasn't done properly, or she just had a very bad reaction to it, but she spent more than a week in bed with debilitating headaches. She has recovered enough to travel - but her energy level isn't what it was before she got sick. This trip will be very demanding physically - pray that she doesn't have a relapse and that she feels well enough to enjoy this trip.

♥My health and feet - I came home from Russia with plantar fasciitis (because of two serious injuries that affected how I walked) in my right foot, and it has not gone away. In fact, the pain has gotten worse, and I now have pain in my left foot, although it's not nearly as bad. My doctor put me in a walking "boot" cast on New Year's Eve, and it is helping. I will probably have to take it with me - which will slow us down when we have to walk - but better than to be in pain. Please pray that the pain doesn't interfere with what God wants to do. Please pray, too, for my health in general - I usually come home with a sinus infection - it would be really nice if I came home well!

♥Mosquitos - both Stephanie and I are "mosquito bait" - if there's a mosquito in the room, we'll be dinner! There are some nasty diseases that are spread through mosquito bites, so we're going to do everything we can to NOT be bitten. So far none of the measures we've taken on past trips have been helpful - please pray that this trip is different, and that we don't come home covered in bites!

We'll tell you all about our adventure when we get back!

In His Service,

Sharon Pearce
Director



The Itinerary...

American Airlines #42 leaves San Diego on Sunday, February 1 at 10:04am, and arrives in Chicago at 3:56pm.

British Air #296 leaves Chicago at 5:25pm and arrives in London at 7:15am on February 2.

British Air #35 leaves London at 9:20am on February 3, and arrives in Chennai, India at 12:45am February 4.

British Air #36 leaves Chennai, at 4:40am on February 11 and arrives in London at 10:45am.

British Air #255 leaves London at 6:35pm on February 13, and arrives in Lusaka, Zambia at 6:45am on February 14.

They will have a "Zambia Air" flight from Lusaka to Ndola on 2/14.

British Air # 254 leaves Lusaka at 9:00am on February 19, and arrives in London at 5:25pm.

British Air #297 leaves London at 12:40pm on February 21, and arrives in Chicago at 3:25pm on February 21.

American Airlines #1017 leaves Chicago at 5:08pm and arrives in San Diego at 7:33pm on February 21.

PLEASE keep all of these flights in your prayers! We want Sharon and Stephanie to have safe flights!

What Will They be Doing???

Our primary purpose in going to India is to continue the training that was started last year. It can take several trips into a country when starting up a new ministry. (When we started our first ministry in Russia, it took us 3 trips just to get the center up and running - and another trip to begin the post abortion outreach.) We knew when we walked through the open door last year that we would have to make additional trips to India to equip them to minister effectively. We'll be focusing on post abortion counseling this time, and hope they catch on fast, as there are millions of women in India who need post abortion care. We'll also be bringing them supplies.

We will not be providing training in Zambia - they already have a thriving center and post abortion ministry. We are going to provide emotional and spiritual comfort and support to Barbra, her family and her staff. They feel very isolated, and it's important for them to have face-to-face contact with us at least every 2-3 years. We'll also be seeing clients, and catching up with the women we saw in 2002.

Silent Voices believes that God is the Author of life, that all human life is valuable - born and preborn - and that abortion is never the answer to an unplanned, "crisis" pregnancy. We are dedicated to giving compassionate, practical assistance to women experiencing unplanned pregnancies, providing accurate information about the realities and possible consequences of abortion, and offering help, hope and healing through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ to women already struggling with the trauma of abortion.

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World's Largest Baby Shower!

Thanks to everyone who participated in the County-wide Baby Shower held in January! Silent Voices was the recipient of some very nice donations! Our moms and babies will be blessed for months to come!



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Prayer and Fasting Team Needs a Few Righteous Men (or women)...

We've had a great response to our Prayer and Fasting Team, and we only have 6 days left to fill. If you would like to participate, we're asking that you pray and fast one day/month. We know that fasting can be a challenge for many - and an impossibility for some - but that doesn't mean that you can't do this. Fasting doesn't have to be giving up all food - it can be a "Daniel's Fast" (vegetables and fruit), or a juice fast, or you can fast from TV, radio, chocolate, coffee, etc. - anything that will be a sacrifice and will remind you to pray for Silent Voices. We know that God is going to bless us (and you) in ways we can't even imagine, and that we'll see Him move on our behalf like never before!

"Boot Camp for New Dads"...

Many of our Bridges mothers have asked us if we offer anything for their boyfriends/husbands, and we've had to tell them "no." We'd like to change that, and have begun looking into a program called "Boot Camp for New Dads." It's a program written and produced BY dads, FOR dads, and uses an approach that appeals to guys. In order to offer this program at Silent Voices, we need a few experienced "dads" to serve as "Drill Instructors!" We're going to start by using the videos that BCFND's has produced, so most of the work is done - we need the DI's there to facilitate and to share their own experiences. If this is something you'd like to be involved in, please let us know soon! We're eager to get started!

We know that reaching the moms is very important, but if we stop with that, we've only gone half the distance. The fathers of our babies also need to know how to parent and take care of their children. We believe we can make a bigger difference in the lives of our clients if we're able to provide guidance and direction to BOTH parents.

"Bridges" Needs Volunteers...

We really need a few more volunteers for our Bridges to Motherhood program. This is a great way to have a lasting impact on the lives of girls who are preparing for motherhood, most of whom do not come from stable homes. If this is something you've considered doing, please pray about getting involved now. The meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month, from 6:00-9:00pm. We really need your help!

Walk for Life 2004...

This year's Walk for Life will be held on Saturday, May 1. We will have two locations - the "Main Event" will be held at the Memorial Bowl in Chula Vista, and for those who don't want to make the trip "that far south," we'll also be using the Rotary Pavilion on Shelter Island. Most of the entertainment, and all of the food will be at the "Main Event" in Chula Vista. We've asked Youth in Action to perform for us this year - if you've never seen them, you're in for a treat! (The "King's Kids" will be performing at the Shelter Island Walk.)

If you've ever wanted to help with the planning and preparation for the Walk for Life, now's the time to give us a call! There isn't that much involved - but it takes time away from clients if the staff does all of the work, so we are counting on your help! We will have an organizational meeting in March, but we'd like to hear from you now! We will also be looking for people to represent Silent Voices at their church - if you'd like to be the liaison for your church, you can let us know that as well!

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